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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.114**

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Dear Sir:

This application is currently under appeal before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. Submission of this RCE follows receipt of potentially relevant art submitted by the European Patent Office in connection with a European patent search report. Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified patent application is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and comments below.